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The Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Amendment and Response

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated May 15, 2002. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. An extended release pharmaceutical active formulation comprising;
 - about 5-95% by weight pharmaceutical active provided as a capsule, tablet or pellet;
 - an aid selected from the group consisting of a pharmaceutical compression aid and a pharmaceutical extrusion aid and mixtures thereof, wherein said compression aid is selected from the group consisting of lactose, cellulose, dibasic calcium phosphate dihydrate, calcium sulfite dihydrate, tricalcium phosphate and compressible sugar;
 - an encasement coat comprising one or more layers of a polymeric film encasing said pharmaceutical active, said encasement coat soluble in a pH of above about 5.0 and comprising about 5 up to less than 50% by weight polymer and about 0.5%-30% by weight plasticizer of polyethylene glycol,
 - wherein said formulation provides over 12 hours of extended release of said active in the bloodstream.